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EXPORT OF MARINE PRODUCTS

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether tinned marine products of our country are facing tough competition in the international market;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to boost the export of marine products in International market;
- (c) whether the tinned marine products comes under the processed food industries category; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the subsidies given to the industry during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) In the marine products, presently there is demand for tinned pasteurized crab meat and tinned tuna only. The prices realised by our exporters indicate that our prices are competitive in the international market.

(b) Steps taken by the Government to increase the export of marine products include the schemes for extending financial assistance for upgrading processing facilities, expansion of aquaculture, imparting of training to aquaculture farmers, assistance for production of value-added products and marketing support.

(c) All marine products packed as frozen, live, chilled or tinned (canned) come under the processed food category.

(d) The financial assistance extended by the Marine Products Export Development Authority for development of seafood industry during the last three years has been as follows:

Year	Amount (Rs. In lakh)
2003-04	784.01
2004-05	735.83
2005-06	607.91